

ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

By now, you've received your packets for the annual Governor's Conference on Disaster Preparedness for Public Officials, slated for the Sheraton in Billings, February 13-16. You are aware of the lineup of informative speakers on the topic, "Continuity of Government." I would like to take this space to elaborate on a few items.

I believe you will find the Wednesday luncheon speaker, Ms. Barbara Shipnuck, especially interesting. She is a County Supervisor (commissioner) in California. She and her fellow supervisors were key to keeping the loss of life and property much lower than it might have been during last October's "world-class" earthquake disaster near San Francisco. You will have a new appreciation for our conference topic after you learn about the role played by county government during that massive emergency.

President Tom Bersuch tells me the DES Coordinators Association has planned a social hour for conference attendees immediately following their Thursday session. The hospitality room will be hosted by Cellular One on the hotel's 17th floor.

Finally, I would especially like to thank Chouteau County DES Coordinator Linda Williams for her efforts in preparing Thursday's instruction. She has devoted many hours to the class and I appreciate what she has done.

-F. Guy Youngblood

RADEF NEWS

As the new year begins, the RADEF section wants to thank the District and County Coordinators for their support in 1989. The second quarter work load is in place and it looks like Broadwater, Wheatland, Big Horn,

and Meagher Counties are due for an instrument exchange and a Radiological Monitoring course. I recently finished loading the monitor and shelter information into the computer, which will give the county coordinators a better way to account for instruments issued to them.

Recently, the RADEF section was assigned an additional duty of operation officers in the State Emergency Operation Center, so if a disaster occurs in your county, you may be speaking to one of us. Also, Jim was assigned the Heavy Urban Rescue representative for Disaster and Emergency Services, and he is busy gathering data for an emergency plan.

In conclusion, we look forward to another successful year in the emergency service business.

-William B. Davis

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING SIGNED

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the State of Montana and the United States Air Force on December 15, 1989. Gov. Stan Stephens and Brig. Gen. Teddy Rinebarger, Commander of the 40th Air Division, signed the agreement during a brief ceremony at Malmstrom Air Force Base. Dan Lieberg represented the Disaster and Emergency Services Division.

The memorandum establishes procedures whereby the Air Force will notify the State Disaster and Emergency Services Division of any adverse impact Air Force operations will have on the public in Montana; and, the State will notify the Commander of the 40th Air Division of any adverse impacts on Air Force assets. The Air Force will also:

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1. Notify the appropriate county sheriff(s) prior to the movement of a missile or weapon to or from a missile complex or Malmstrom Air Force Base;

2. Conduct a joint civilian/military exercise annually;

3. Provide to the Montana DES and each county containing missile sites, a map of the missile sites and associated travel routes, and low level flying routes;

4. Have primary responsibility for response and control at the scene of an incident involving classified materials, missile launch sites, missile launch control facilities and Malmstrom Air Force Base.

The Montana Disaster and Emergency Services Division will assist each county, within which missile sites and/or low level flying routes are located, to develop a plan by which residents can be alerted in case of danger.

IN MEMORIAM

Burdick Stone, long-time DES coordinator for Madison County, died December 20, 1989. Burdick served in the Air Transport Command during WWII and was a captain with TWA for 28 years. He was appointed Civil Defense Director in 1973 and retired in 1978, although he continued to serve as deputy coordinator. Burdick was a licensed outfitter and ran a hunting and fishing guide service from his home south of Silver Star. The family has asked that memorials be sent to the Ruby Valley Nurses Fund, Ruby Valley Hospital, 220 Crowfoot, Sheridan, MT 59749. Burdick is survived by his wife, Helena, and three children.

AMERICAN RED CROSS

The Missoula office of the American Red Cross has a new name and also is the home base for two additional counties. Ravalli and Sanders Counties have joined Missoula and Mineral to create the Western Valleys Chapter of the American Red Cross. (Missoulain 12/9/89)

1989-1990 TRAINING CATALOGS

All local Disaster and Emergency Services coordinators should by now have received the new training catalogs (finally...).

Approximately 1,400 of these catalogs were distributed throughout the State of Montana. Now is the time to sign up and do recruiting for emergency management training. Some of the courses are new, the blank application forms are stapled into the middle, and the region-wide course listing is at the back. Pretty darn convenient!

An item of additional interest is that graduates of most of these courses are now eligible to receive emergency medical services (EMS) and Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) continuing education credits. (See page 3 of the catalog for details.)

The Introduction to Emergency Management Course is a good course for almost anybody in emergency services, but is particularly appropriate for recently appointed DES coordinators and locally elected or appointed public officials. That course is being held in Helena, March 26-30. Call Kate Selby, 444-6911 at the State Office for additional information.

NEW HOME STUDY COURSE

The Emergency Management Institute (EMI) has several hazardous materials workshops, courses, and modules. The new self-paced homestudy course "Hazardous Materials: A Citizen's Orientation (HS-5)" is the first set of self-training materials available to state and local emergency managers. Local coordinators interested in HS-5 or obtaining order forms should contact their respective district representatives. The State Office in Helena hopes to have some copies available for distribution by the end of March. In the meantime, we'll try to keep local disaster and emergency services coordinators updated as other packages under development become available.

-Kate Selby

DEFINE "LRC"...

Located in Emmitsburg, Maryland, the National Emergency Training Center's (NETC) Learning Resource Center (LRC) is the campus library for students attending the National Fire Academy and the Emergency Management Institute (EMI). A collection with over 40,000 books, reports, magazines, and audiovisual materials; the LRC facilitates and supports student and faculty research and curriculum development and design.

Over the past few years, the LRC has expanded its services to the general public to include:

- o A toll-free number (1-800-638-1821).
- o The Emergency Management Information Center (EMIC - a collection of case major natural and technological disasters.

You can visit, write or call the LRC for information. The LRC routinely

supplies answers to simple requests-- (i.e., an organization's phone number and address; a publication's source and price, etc.) In answer to more complex subject inquiries, the LRC staff will do literature searches, compile bibliographies and, depending on length and copyright restrictions provide documentation in the form of reports and articles.

Via inter-library loan through their area libraries, the general public can access the LRC's collection of books and research reports. Audiovisuals, magazines and general reference materials are non-circulating. For information on how to borrow materials from the Emergency Management Information Center, call 1-800-638-1821.

-Kate Selby

NEW TRAINING PROGRAM FOR STATE STAFF

Plans for an internal training program are underway for the staff of the Montana Disaster and Emergency Services Division. The initial program, formally entitled "Staff Training and Employee Development" (STED), was developed over a six-month period and officially adopted in late December. Implementation is expected to begin February 1, 1990.

These new requirements for state staff have a baseline performance orientation, and will act as the foundation program for State DES personnel. This portion of STED is only "Phase I" of a comprehensive internal training program; with plans to develop in-depth emergency operation center, disaster field assignment and duty officer training scheduled for later this year.

Montana is the first state in Region VIII to propose a comprehensive EDP, and one of only a few states in the nation to have such programs.

EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS

Thanks to Bob Amick, editor of the Montana Power Company's pamphlet that you received with your power bill, for writing a story on earthquake preparedness for the January edition. This was done for no charge for all Montana Power customers. This underscores the partnership between private industry and government in emergency management, and reminds us that business is a considerable resource for our programs.

-Submitted by Paul Spengler

OPERATION LIFESAVER

At about 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 24, 1990, a train traveling 35 miles per hour will smash into a school bus at a crossing on the east end of Great Falls. The crash will mark the climax of a four month "Operation Lifesaver" campaign. Burlington Northern and MonRail will use films of the crash in promoting crossing safety. Cascade County DES has coordinated local government involvement. For further information, contact Bill Murray at 727-6535 in Great Falls.

-Submitted by Bill Murray

DOT EMERGENCY RESPONSE GUIDEBOOKS

The State DES office has depleted its supply of the 1987 version of the Department of Transportation (DOT) Emergency Response Guidebooks (ERG). The DOT is also out of the ERG. The 1990 version is scheduled to be printed sometime this spring; so I wouldn't expect them to reach the states until next winter. The State DES office will again be the point of contact for obtaining the 1990 ERG. We would like to make statewide distribution in the same manner as last time; i.e., through local DES coordinators. If you (local coordinator) do not wish to be the

local distribution point for the ERG, please inform your District Representative so we can make other arrangements. I would like to also ask you to estimate the number of ERGs your jurisdiction might need and give this information to your District Representative. The DOT says that ERGs will be distributed only to emergency response vehicles (of course there are a few exceptions, e.g., dispatch centers).

The State DES will make distribution to state agencies such as the Highway Patrol, Dept. of Highways and Dept of State Lands.

-Dan Lieberg

COMINGS AND GOINGS

Ernestine (Ernie) Mader has resigned as the Liberty County DES coordinator.

Former long-time Liberty County Coordinator and recent deputy DES Coordinator, Rod Keith has also resigned. You can still find him, and a great lunch, at the Senior Center in Chester.

Con Donovan, Richland County DES Coordinator, has resigned and headed for greener pastures. He will be working for the Richland County Weed Board full-time. May the forbs be with you!

The new faces from Liberty County are Charlie Hanson, Coordinator and Yvonne Hunnewell, deputy coordinator.

Lynette Hintze is the newly appointed Richland County DES Coordinator.

We look forward to meeting all these fine folks at the Governor's Conference!

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